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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. P043D2C3C)

In the Application of:

FARMWALD et al.

Serial No: 09/492,982

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Title: METHOD OF OPERATING A MEMORY
DEVICE HAVING A VARIABLE DATA
INPUT LENGTH

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Art Unit: 2818

Before

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5) FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM
ISSUE SO THAT INFORMATION CAN BE CONSIDERED IN A
CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants' hereby petition for withdrawal of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5) so that an Information Disclosure Statement may be considered in a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA). The above identified application has been allowed and the issue fee has been paid. Recently, several documents have been identified in a Notice of Opposition to European Patent 1 004 956, which includes claims that are similar to claims in the parent patent (i.e., U.S. Patent 6,034,918) of the instant application.

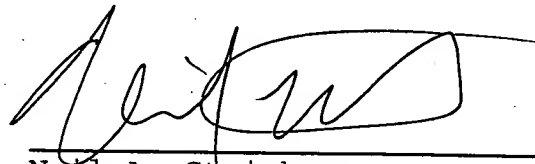
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and documents cited therein are being filed by First Class Mail concurrently herewith.

Applicants hereby authorize charging deposit account no. 50-0998 the \$130.00 petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i). If there are any further charges associated with this submission, please charge deposit account no. 50-0998.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Neil A. Steinberg', written over a horizontal line.

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